

Appl. No. 09/854,142
Amdt. Dated September 30, 2003
Reply to Response of **June 30, 2003**.

The Status of Priority:

The Response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt mailed June 30, 2003 indicated that the priority requested to be indicated on the filing receipt could not be added without supplying the relationship between the applications either in an Application Data Sheet or via amendment to the first page of the specification. Applicants herein amend the first page of the specification to more clearly recite the relationship between the priority applications and the current matter.

As indicated, e.g., on the published PCT application, the current application can also draw priority to USSN 08/833,959, filed April 11, 1997. Thus, the specification is amended herein (i.e., starting at page 1, line 1) to reflect the correct priority. A request for corrected filing receipt is also filed herewith.

Applicants submit that no new matter has been added to the application by way of the above amendment. Accordingly, entry of the amendment is respectfully requested.

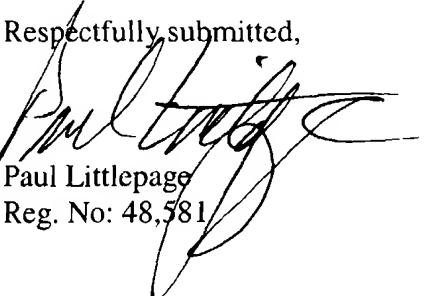
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe that the correct relationship between the priority applications is now recited. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the application is deemed not to be in condition for allowance after consideration of this Amendment, a telephone interview with the Examiner is hereby requested. Please telephone the undersigned at (510) 337-7871 to schedule an interview.

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- 1) A transmittal sheet;
- 2) Copy of Response to Request for Corrected Filing Receipt;
- 3) New Request for Corrected Filing Receipt;
- 4) Marked up copy of Official Filing Receipt; and,
- 5) A receipt indication postcard.